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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

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SUBJ: BOLIVIA'S OUTLET TO THE SEA

REF: STATE 301358

1. PRESIDENT BANZER TOLD ME JANUARY 8; IN A BRIEF PRIVATE CHAT DURING TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S DAY CEREMONY WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR CAPRILES REPORTING ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH YOU. BANZER SAID THAT CAPRILES REPORTED THAT YOU HAD OFFERED FULL SUPPORT OF THE USG FOR BOLIVIA. HE SAID HE IS VERY PLEASED WITH THE USG REACTION TO CAPRILES' DEMARCHE. HE ASKED ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU HIS PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR THE POSITIVE AND FAVORABLE USG POSITION.

2. THE TONE AND CONTEXT OF THE CAPRILES LETTER AS DESCRIBED BY PRESIDENT BANZER DOES NOT SEEM TO ACCORD WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT OF THE CAPRILES CONVERSATION AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. WHILE I SUPPOSE IT IS NEITHER POSSIBLE NOR PRUDENT TO STRAIGHTEN THIS OUT, I SUGGEST THAT YOU MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER HAVING RUDY FIMBRES ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN FROM THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY OR FROM CAPRILES HIMSELF HOW THE BOLIVIANS REPORTED THE TALK.
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